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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SSM DIRECTOR

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1. YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED
ON FIRST PAGE OF MARCH 3 ISSUE OF YEDIOT AHARANOT. BEGIN TEXT:

2. US REPRESENTATIVE TO BRING WARNING STATIONS PLAN.
A PLAN TO POST ELECTRONIC WARNING STATIONS IN ALL AREAS TO BE
EVACUATED BY ISRAEL WAS PREPARED IN RECENT MONTHS BY THE STATE
DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIA.
AN AGENCY EXPERT, MR. JIM WOLLAN, WAS HERE AND TOURED SINAI,
JUDAEA AND SAMARIA AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE PLAN WAS
BASED ON HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. THE CHIEF OF THE US SIANI MISSION WILL BE COMING TO THE
MIDDLE EAST IN MID-MARCH WITH DETAILS OF THE AMERICAN PLAN
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FOR SENIOR JERUSALEM AND CAIRO REPRESENTATIVES. ACCORDING
TO THE AMERICAN PLAN, WARNING STATIONS OPERATED BY AMERICAN
TECHNICIANS WILL BE ERECTED IN ADDITION TO THE WARNING
STATIONS OF THE PARTIES. THESE STATIONS WILL OPERATE SENSOR
FIELDS ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL, ON THE READS ACROSS THE SINAI,
THE GIDDI AND MITLAH PASSES AND ALONG THE COASTAL STRIP.

4. IN JUDAEA AND SAMARIA THE AMERICAN PLAN PROPOSES SENSOR FIELDS ALONG THE JORDAN, ALONG THE VALLEY ROADS AND THE CENTRAL ROADS CROSSING THE VALLEY. THE AMERICAN PLAN OFFERS SIMILAR PROPOSALS FOR THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

5. ACCORDING TO YEDIOT LONDON CORRESPONDENT CITING THE ECONOMIST, BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY THAT THE US IS WORKING OUT A PLAN ACCORDING TO WHICH THE ETZION AIR BASE NEAR EILAT WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN CONTROL. THE AMERICANS FAVOR THE TRANSFER OF ETAM AND OPHIR TO EGYPTIAN HANDS. THE IMPORTANCE OF ETZION FOR THE AMERICANS HAS RECENTLY GROWN IN THE WAKE OF SOVIET-CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMILI WAR.
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